

WELCOME TO
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

December 10, 2017
Advent II



Morning Worship Service—December 10, 2017, 11:00 am
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* Congregation Stands

Preludes—Conditor alme siderum
Hymnus

Flor Peeters
Nicolas-Jacques Lemmens

***Processional Hymn 59**—Angels from the realms of glory (*Iris*)

***Call to Worship**—Isaiah 40:1-3

Brennan Rabbets

Introit—Thou shalt know Him

Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know Him when he comes, not by any din of drums, nor his manners, nor his airs, nor anything he wears. Thou shalt know Him when he comes, not by his crown or by his gown; but his coming known shall be, by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee. Thou shalt know Him when he comes. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

Cher, Tom, Sophia, and Andrew

The Lord's Prayer (*seated*) (*Sung Amen*)

Brennan Rabbets

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Presentation of White Gifts and Children's Mission Project

Please remain seated during the hymn as the children collect the gifts.

***Hymn**—Go tell it on the Mountain (*Go Tell it*)

[Chorus] Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

2. The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth! [chorus]

1. While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.
[chorus]

3. Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent our salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.
[chorus]

Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes and Brennan Rabbets

Announcements

Window on the Church

Elizabeth Joseph, Chair of Finance and Administration

Holy Scripture—2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Elizabeth Joseph

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. Dale Rose

Choral Response—Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace

G. Thalben-Ball

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee. Amen.

Offering

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

(Isaiah 61:11)

Anthem—Zion hears the watchmen's voices

Felix Mendelssohn

Sleepers, wake! a voice is calling, it is the watchman on the walls, thou city of Jerusalem!

For lo! the Bridegroom comes! Arise and take your lamps! Hallelujah! Awake! His kingdom is at hand! Go forth to meet your Lord.

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Hymn SHB 44**—In a byre near Bethlehem (*Wild Mountain Thyme*)

Sermon—"Prepare ye the way"

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

***Recessional Hymn 45**—O come, O come Emmanuel (*Veni Emmanuel*)

***Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

***Choral Amen**—Maddox in G

Postlude—Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

The Memorial Bells will peal for five minutes following the Postlude.

Soloists:

Jessica Willingham, soprano, ***Amanda Cogan***, soprano

Margaret Terry, mezzo soprano, ***Anthony Varahidis***, tenor

Lutzen Riedstra, baritone

Christel Wiens, Associate Musician

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The poinsettias in the Chancel are placed to the Glory of God by the

YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH WOMEN

to celebrate the advent of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Join us for Coffee Talk

After the morning worship service, we invite you to join us for refreshments in the Narthex.

Hymn 59—Angels from the realms of glory

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship
Christ the new-born King,
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:

Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of Nations;
ye have seen his natal star:

Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:

Hymn—Go tell it on the Mountain

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over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.*

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Chorus

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Chorus

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Chorus

Hymn SHB 44—In a byre near Bethlehem

In a byre near Bethlehem,
Passed by many a wandering stranger,
the most precious Word of Life
was heard gurgling in a manger.

*And He's here when we call Him,
Bringing health, love and laughter
to life now and ever after for the good of us all.*

By the Galilean Lake
where the people flocked for teaching,
the most precious Word of Life
fed their mouths as well as preaching
for the good of us all.

On the hill of Calvary
place to end all hope of living,
the most precious Word of Life
breathed His last and died forgiving
for the good of us all.

In a garden, just at dawn,
near the grave of human hatred,
the most precious Word of Life
cleared His throat and ended silence
for the good of us all.

Hymn 45—O come, O come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:

Pastoral Care Prayers

Prayers for Healing and Blessing are offered in the Centennial Chapel immediately following the morning worship service for all who wish someone to pray with them.

Each **Tuesday at 9:30am**, you are invited to join the Ministerial team for intercessory prayer. If you have a prayer request, you may submit it on the Welcome Card and place it on the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister.

The Sanctuary is open for prayer and meditation on **Tuesday, Thursday from 11:30am—2pm** and **Wednesday from 10:30pm—1:00pm**.

Children's Ministry

This month in Children's Ministries our children are learning about...

First Look (2-5 year olds)

In December in First Look the series focus for the month is: The best way to know how much God loves us is to think about Jesus. God loved us so much that He sent His son, Jesus, to be with us. That's what Christmas is all about.

The Memory Verse is "God has given a son to us." Isaiah 9:6, NCV

Stories covered this month are taken from: The Angel and Mary — Luke 1:26-33, 38, 46-49; Jesus is Born- Luke 2:1-7; The Shepherds- Luke 2: 8-20; Happy Birthday Jesus!- Entire Christmas Story Re-Tell; The Wise Men- Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

The Bottom Line: 'God gave us Jesus.'

252 Basics (6-10 year olds)

In December in 252 the children are learning that: Every good and perfect gift comes from God. In fact, generosity is at the very core of God's character—He even gave us His own son! And, because He gave us His son, WE CAN BE GENEROUS TOWARDS OTHERS. Not only that, but when we are generous towards others, we prove that we love God by loving the people He loves.

The Memory Verse "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds and to be generous and willing to share." 1 Timothy 6:18, NIV

The Bottom Line we would like children to know is ... Because God gave, I can give (1 John 4:9—11); don't miss your chance to give (Luke 12:13-21); look for creative ways to give (1 Timothy 6:18); God gave us Jesus (Luke 2: 1-18); give like you are giving to God (Matthew 2:1-12).

Prime Timers

We will really be in the Christmas spirit with **Prime Timers from 12:00pm-2:00pm on Tuesday December 19** as we laugh and sing with our own **Eric Robertson: A Life with Music**. Please bring your own lunch; Christmas sweets and tea are provided.

2018 Offering Envelopes

The 2018 offering envelopes are in the Centre Hall **today**. Please pick up your set.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS @ YPBC

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 4:30PM

A traditional candlelight choral presentation featuring
choirs and musicians of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church.

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 4:30PM

Following the historic tradition
of King's College in Cambridge.

FREE ADMISSION. Doors open at 3:30 pm.

JOHN McDERMOTT

Family CHRISTMAS

**December 21
7:00 pm**

With special guests DALA

TICKETS:

General Admission: \$25

Online: \$26.74 at www.eventbrite.com

At the door: \$30.00

Tickets can also be purchased at
the church office, call 416-922-1167

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BUNDLE UP FOR *Bethlehem* ON *Yonge*

LIVE NATIVITY W/ ANIMALS

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Outdoors in the Park at Yorkminster Park

Every five minutes, until 5:00,
a new group will set off on their journey.



YPBC Women's Retreat

Saturday January 27, 2018, 9:00am—2:00pm

Theme: Soul Care—Staying Fresh in the Seasons of Life

Facilitator: Dr. Janet Clark—Sr. Vice President Academic Affairs, Academic Dean, Tyndale Seminary

Areas of specialization: Intercultural Competence - Counselling - Theological Education

Where: The Courtyard Marriott Hotel—475 Yonge Street

What: A time of spiritual nourishment for women of all ages. Light refreshments and a full hot lunch.

Cost: \$60

Full details available on bright green registration forms on the Centre Hall table and in the Narthex. Registration and payment of \$60 in full due on Sunday January 14, 2018. Please note: No refunds due to hotel requirements.

All women are warmly invited! This would make a lovely Christmas gift for someone special.

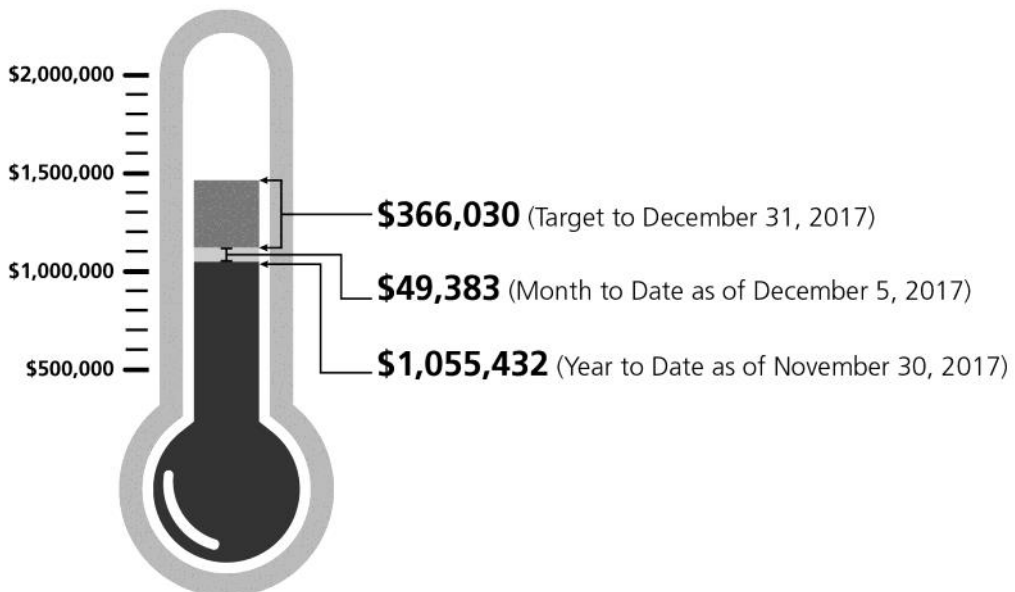
Youth Ministry Annual Christmas Party

On **Friday December 15th** we will be having our annual party once again. We will enjoy a potluck together and then participate in a gift exchange game. Please contact Brennan to get the rules for the gift exchange, and to let him know what you plan to bring for the potluck.

Financial Update

Please help us reach our target for 2017

"Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure – pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For with the standard of measurement you use, it will be measured to you in return." – Luke 6:38 (AMP)



This Week at Yorkminster Park: December 10, 2017

Every Sunday

9:15am Minster Singers, Heritage Room
9:45am Berean Bible Study, Red Board Room
10:00am Choristers, Room 203A
10:00am God of All Things, Fifth Floor Board Room
10:00am Youth Fellowship, Cameron Hall
10:50am Nursery for newborn to 2 year old children, Room 213
12:30pm Full Life Group, Youth Room
Open Gym Cancelled

Today

11:00am Worship, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes, Advent II, White Gift Sunday
4:30pm Carols by Candlelight, Sanctuary

Monday

2:00pm Art Committee Meeting, Library

Tuesday—Thursday

11:30am—2:00pm Open Door, Narthex

Tuesday

9:30am Prayers, Chapel (*all are invited to join*)
10:00am Dorcas Group, Youth Zone 508
12:10pm Lunchtime Chamber Music, Sanctuary; *Rising Stars Recital*
7:00pm Board of Finance and Administration Meeting, Red Board Room
7:00pm Christian Education Board Meeting, Youth Zone

Wednesday

7:00am Men's Morning Brew, Friendship Room
12:30pm Noonday Recital; *Rashaan Allwood*, Sanctuary
6:00pm Out of the Cold, Gymnasium

Thursday

7:30pm Don Mills Bible Study, Offsite
7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal, Cameron Hall

Friday

9:15am Senior Gentle Fitness—Low Intensity, Youth Zone
10:15am Senior Gentle Fitness—Moderate Intensity, Youth Zone
5:45pm Bay Street Life Group, Fifth Floor Board Room
6:00pm Youth Event, Christmas Party, Cameron Hall

Saturday

11:00am Service of Comfort and Hope, Friendship Room/Chapel

Next Sunday

11:00am Worship, The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes, Advent III
4:30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, Sanctuary

We are delighted that you have joined us!

Here is some information which we hope will be helpful to you.

Parking: Parking is FREE on Sunday mornings until 12:45 pm. at City Parking at Alvin Ave. (one street east of Yonge & St. Clair). Don't forget to have your ticket stamped in the Narthex*.

Accessibility: A limited number of large-print Bibles and calendars are available for use in worship. If you would like one, please ask an usher. Hearing assistance is also available. Please speak with our volunteer at the Welcome Table in the Narthex*.

For Children: Nursery is available for newborn to 2 years old from 10:50 am and classes for toddlers to Grade 5 after the Children's Prayer. Parents are reminded to pick up a pager before the service, or when the children head to classes. Youth are encouraged to join Doxa Youth Worship in Cameron Hall today.

Fellowship: Following each morning worship service, we serve coffee and refreshments in the Narthex*. We invite you to participate with us.

Stay Connected: The morning service is webcast live and archived on our website. All morning and evening worship services are recorded on CDs, which may be obtained from the Audio Desk in the Narthex*.

If you wish to know more about Yorkminster Park or if you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please contact the Church Office at info@yorkminsterpark.com or 416-922-1167.

* The Narthex is located in the Sanctuary Entrance Hallway.

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